



# Mundare School Newsletter

June 2023

**BE BRAVE – BE BOLD**

## Principal's Message



As we enter the final month of the school year, it is a time for reflection, celebration, and anticipation. This past year has brought us numerous accomplishments, growth, and memorable moments that we will cherish. Our students have excelled academically, artistically, and athletically, demonstrating their talents and dedication in various areas. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their hard work and commitment to excellence. Our dedicated staff members have played an instrumental role in guiding and inspiring our students, fostering their passion for learning and nurturing their individual strengths. Together, we have created a vibrant and inclusive school community where every student feels valued and supported.

As we bid farewell to the current school year, let us not only celebrate the academic achievements but also the personal growth and character development of our students. They have become more confident, compassionate, and resilient individuals through their involvement in classroom and school leadership roles. These experiences have provided them with invaluable life skills that will serve them well beyond the walls of our school. I want to express my deepest gratitude to our supportive parents and guardians for their continuous partnership and involvement in their child's education. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in creating a nurturing and empowering learning environment.

As we look forward to the summer break, let us savor the memories we have created, the friendships we have forged, and the lessons we have learned. Take this time to relax, recharge, and explore new interests. Embrace the opportunity to spend quality time with loved ones and embark on new adventures. I wish you all a joyous and rejuvenating summer, filled with warmth, laughter, and endless possibilities. We eagerly await the start of the new school year, where we will come together once again to continue our journey of growth, discovery, and success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful School Council and Society Executive and all the parents that attended one or all of our meetings this year. We will be hosting our AGM in September and all families will be welcome to attend. Thanks for a great year. To see previous meetings and agendas, be sure to check our school website.

Please regularly visit our school website [www.mundareschool.ca](http://www.mundareschool.ca) to see all school related information.

**Ms. Melissa Kerr**

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#### **Upcoming events and important dates:**

- **June 2:** Special Persons' Lunch from 12:00-1:00pm
  - **June 6:** Grade 7/8 LA Part A Common Exam
  - **June 7:** Early dismissal
  - **June 8:** Gathering of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Families
  - **June 9:** Fort Edmonton Field Trip
  - **June 12:** Fit, Set, Ninja/Track Meet at Andrew School
  - **June 16:** Kindergarten Celebration
  - **June 16:** Library Books Due Back
  - **June 19:** Elementary Awards and Celebration (information to follow)
  - **June 20:** Grade 6 LA Part B PAT and Grade 7/8 LA Part B Common Exam
  - **June 21:** National Indigenous Peoples Day
  - **June 22:** Grade 6 Math Part A PAT and Grade 7/8 Math Part A Common Exam
  - **June 23:** Grade 6 Math Part B PAT and Grade 7/8 Math Part B Common Exam
  - **June 23:** Grade 8 Farewell at 1:00pm
  - **June 26:** Grade 6 Social PAT and Grade 7/8 Social Common Exam
  - **June 27:** Grade 6 Science PAT and Grade 7/8 Science Common Exam
  - **June 27:** Last day of classes for students
  - **June 27:** Report Cards live on PowerSchool at 3:30
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#### **Absence Check**

Parents/guardians are asked to inform the school, whenever possible, if their child is going to be absent. Messages may be left on the school's main number 24 hours a day, or by a note. If a child is absent and no reason has been received in the office by **9:30 AM**, then the office staff will attempt to contact parents/guardians or emergency contacts.

#### **Bell Schedule**

- [Mundare School Bell Schedule 2022-23](#)

#### **Division Calendar 2022-23**

- [EIPS Division Calendar](#)
- [EIPS Kindergarten Calendar](#)

To view the 2023-24 calendar, visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca).

Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your personal calendar? You can. Simply, visit [www.eips.ca/calendar](http://www.eips.ca/calendar) and click “subscribe to calendar.” It’s that easy.

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### **REMINDER: 2022-23 School Fees**

School fees for the 2022-23 school year are posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. Throughout the year, fees are often added to cover the costs for various activities, such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and late, damaged or lost textbooks.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view fees and pay them online using a credit card. Make sure to monitor your child’s account on an ongoing basis.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit <https://www.eips.ca/schools/fees>. And, if you have questions, think there is an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child’s school directly before the summer break.

NOTE: Pursuant to [Board Policy 23: School Fees](#) and [Administrative Procedure 505: School and Administrative Fees](#), EIPS will forward any unpaid 2022-23 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2023.

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### **Student Transportation: 2023-24 Registration**

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2023-24 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student or new student registration processes are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2023.

For those students who didn’t indicate needing transportation services during the registration process and want to now register, simply fill out this [registration form](#).

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation, visit [www.eips.ca/transportation](http://www.eips.ca/transportation).

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person, visit the [EIPS Student Transportation building](#) during its office hours—Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on non-school days.

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### **Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration**

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for first-time school bus riders.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned by venturing out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2023-24 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows

Location Date\* Time\*

- EIPS Central Services August 14 @ 5 p.m.
- EIPS Central Services August 14 @ 6:30 p.m.
- EIPS Central Services August 15 @ 5 p.m.
- EIPS Central Services August 15 @ 6:30 p.m.
- EIPS Central Services August 17 @ 5 p.m.
- EIPS Central Services August 17 @ 6:30 p.m.
- EIPS Central Services August 18 @ 5 p.m.

[Register Now](#)

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at: <https://www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq>.



## **2022-23 EIPS Annual Feedback Surveys: For Parents and Caregivers and For Students – Results now available**

The results of the 2022-23 EIPS Annual Feedback Surveys: For Parents and Caregivers and For Students are now available. In March, the Division conducted the annual surveys, which help EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families and grades 9 and 12 students were asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and their school, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement.

Thank you to all families and students who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the surveys received 2,709 responses from parents and caregivers and 1,980

responses from grades 9 and 12 students across EIPS. EIPS, and schools, will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online:

- [2022-23 Parent and Student Survey results](#): EIPS
- [2022-23 Parent Survey results: Mundare School](#)

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### **Accessing User Accounts: Students Leaving EIPS**

Is your child graduating from or leaving EIPS at the end of the school year? If so, they must ensure any information they want to retain from their school cloud accounts is downloaded onto a personal device before leaving.

- Google account – Students must download any wanted content before August 1—download files either individually or in bulk using [Google Takeout](#).
- Microsoft account – Students must download any wanted content from their OneDrive account before August 1.

After Aug. 1, 2023, EIPS will deactivate the account and delete all remaining files. For more information, contact the school at 780-764-3962.

## Tools for School

Mundare School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2023-24 [Tools for School](#) campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school in August. Drop-off boxes are located at the EIPS Central Services office, all [Staples locations](#) and various businesses in the community. Any supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Mrs. Bartsch at the school or call EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

- [United Way Tools for School Requests: Family Orders](#)
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## EIPS Annual Education Results Report

Every year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) publishes an Annual Education Results Report, which outlines the Division's Four-Year Education Plan, opportunities for growth and how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2021-22](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

June Spotlight: enhancing public education through effective engagement

- [Rules of Engagement](#): Using a collaborative approach to improve student achievement and success
- [Driving change](#): Strengthening public education through Board advocacy

### RELATED INFORMATION

- [EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26](#)
- [EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2024-27](#)

## Where to Find the Information You Need

Elk Island Public Schools and Mundare School use a handful of key systems to share information with students and families. Depending on the information you're looking for, it's important to know where to look.

PowerSchool is the primary student information system within the Division. There is an associated app, but the functionality is limited, and families don't need to download it. From the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), you can:

- Access student grades and report cards;
- Review student absences;
- Pay school and transportation fees; and
- Submit official updates to student or family information.

The PowerSchool Student Portal provides similar access to grades and absence information for students directly.

Brightspace provides more of a day-to-day look at what's happening with your child's learning communicated directly from your child's teacher. From [Brightspace Parent & Guardian](#), you can see your child's:

- classroom activity feed,
- grade items and grade feedback from instructors,
- upcoming assignments,
- portfolio evidence and
- quizzes

depending on which of the program functions are specifically used by your child's teacher.

Brightspace for Students is where teachers share updates, calendar reminders and learning materials with students. Compatible with Google, it also allows students to submit assignments, complete quizzes, and see grades and teacher feedback. The Pulse app for students is associated with Brightspace for Students.

SchoolMessenger is the system the Division and schools use to send email and phone communication to families. The contact information in SchoolMessenger is populated from PowerSchool. Through [SchoolMessenger](#), families can:

- receive general, emergency and attendance messages by phone, email or both; and
- manage their subscription preferences for these types of messages.

The easiest way to stay connected is to download the SchoolMessenger app. Get the latest updates direct to your mobile device and enable push notifications to never miss a message. Families can also check back on past messages—for up to 30 days—directly in the app rather than searching to find an old message buried in your inbox.

If you have trouble accessing any of these systems or have questions about them, contact the school at 780-764-3962.

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**See June's Calendar Below**

# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Day 1	Day 2 ECS Day Special Persons' Lunch	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Day 3 ECS Day Hot Lunch	Day 4 Grade 7/8 LA Part A Exam	Day 5 ECS Day Early Dismissal Hat Day	Day 6	Day 1 Fort Edmonton Field Trip	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Day 2 ECS Day Track and Field at Andrew School	Day 3	Day 4 ECS Day	Day 5	Day 6 ECS Day	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Day 1 ECS Day Elementary Awards	Day 2 Gr 6 LA Part B PAT Gr 7/8 LA Part B Final	Day 3 ECS Day National Indigenous Peoples' Day	Day 4 Gr 6 Math Part A PAT Gr 7/8 Math Part A Final	Day 5 Gr 6 Math Part B PAT Gr 7/8 Math Part B Final Grade 8 Farewell	
25	26	27	28			
	Day 6 ECS Day Gr 6 Social PAT Gr 7/8 Social Final	Day 1 Last Day for Students Gr 6 Science PAT Gr 7/8 Science Final Report Cards Live				